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SIR:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 10, 2008 the term for response to which expires on December 10, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claim 1 is canceled; claims 2-6 are amended; and claims 7-9 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

This paper is being submitted via EFS-Web on December 10, 2008

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